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**PUBLIC TOWNHALL MEETINGS TO REVIEW MENTAL HEALTH  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE HELD STATEWIDE**

HONOLULU – The Hawai`i Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant (MHT SIG) working group will hold public meetings statewide from January 22 to February 7, 2008 to share information about the progress made through the MHT SIG process to develop a Comprehensive Mental Health Plan.

Last August, MHT SIG leaders Dr. Rupert Goetz, director and Sharlene Chun-Lum, chief operations officer, accompanied by Dr. Chiyome Fukino, Department of Health director, Michelle Hill, deputy director for behavioral health services, and Susan Jackson, deputy director of health, held “talk story” sessions in communities statewide to gather information from residents regarding the mental health needs of their communities. At that time, community members were also invited to participate in monthly Sub Working Group meetings leading to recommendations to be included in the State’s Comprehensive Mental Health Plan.

Over the past five months, sub working group members as well as other providers and stakeholders have met to develop recommendations in seven areas: 1) Promoting and Understanding Mental Health; 2) Consumers and Families as Drivers; 3) Early Intervention; 4) Accelerating and Expanding Quality Services; 5) High Tech and Local Touch; 6) Workforce and Community Supports; and 7) Evaluation.

This new series of meetings conducted by Dr. Goetz and Ms. Chun-Lum will fulfill the promise made by the DOH and MHT SIG leadership to return to the communities for review of the recommendations being considered for inclusion in the final plan. These two-hour meetings may include participation from community members from the sub working groups, representatives from the State Planning Council on Mental Health, and other key stakeholders.

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Meetings will be held on the islands of Hawai`i (4), O`ahu (3), Kaua`i (2), Maui (2), Lana`i (1), and Moloka`i (1). For more information or to RSVP, email: [transformation@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:transformation@doh.hawaii.gov) or call Carol Medina at (808) 453-6618 or Diane Lee at (808) 453-6649.

The meetings are funded through Hawai`i's MHT SIG. This \$10.95 million grant administered by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provides funding over five years to assist in transforming the delivery of quality mental health services across the state.

**List of Statewide Meetings:**

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 22, 2008 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	O`ahu - Central Aliamanu Elementary School Cafeteria, 3265 Salt Lake Blvd.
January 23 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	O`ahu – Windward (Kane`ohe) King Intermediate School Cafeteria, 46-155 Kamehameha Hwy.
January 24 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Kaua`i - Hanapepe Hanapepe Neighborhood Center, 4451 Puolo Rd.
January 28 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Lana`i Lana`i High School Cafeteria
January 28 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Moloka`i Kulana `Oiwī Halau, 610 Maunaloa Hwy.
January 30 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Maui (Wailuku) Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St. Please RSVP 808- 984-2156
January 31 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Kaua`i (Kapa`a) Kapa`a High School Cafeteria, 4695 Mailihuna Rd.
February 1 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Maui (Hana) Hana High & Elem. School Library
February 4 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Hawai`i (Kamuela) W.M. Keck Observatory Conf. Rm., 65-1120 Mamalahoa Hwy.
February 4 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Hawai`i (Kailua-Kona) Kahakai Elementary School Cafeteria, 76-147 Royal Poinciana Dr.
February 5 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	O`ahu (Leeward-Nanakuli) K.S. Community Learning Center at Nanakuli, 89-101 Farrington Hwy.
February 6 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	O`ahu (East) Kalani High School Cafeteria, 4680 Kalaniana`ole Hwy
February 7 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Hawai`i (Hilo) Department of Health, 101 Pauahi St.
February 7 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Hawai`i (Ka`u) Pahala Community Center, 96-1149 Kamani St.

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